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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT FONOFF UNABLE
TO ACCEPT DECEMBER DATES FOR FIRST SESSION OF MIDDLE EAST
CONSULTATIONS. AS ALTERNATIVE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES HOSTING
CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 27-28. (FYI: DATES
ARE SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE, BUT WE DO NOT WISH THEM ANY EARLIER
THAN FEBRUARY 20 BECAUSE OF PLANNED VISIT OF KING FAISAL
TO US SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 15. END FYI.) DEPUTY ASSIS-
TANT SECRETARIES SOBER AND SAUNDERS PLAN TO LEAD US SIDE;
ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM AND EITHER DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MULCAHY OR BLAKE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ONE-
HALF DAY OF SIDE TALKS ON SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.

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2. EMBASSY REQUESTED ASCERTAIN WHETHER THESE DATES ARE

CONVENIENT FOR FONOFF. (IN CONVEYING DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO PLAN FOR TALKS ON FEBRUARY 27-28, EMBASSY SHOULD MENTION THAT THERE IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY THAT RAPIDLY MOVING MIDDLE EASTERN DEVELOPMENTS MAY SUBSEQUENTLY NECESSITATE POSTPONEMENT.) IF DATES ARE CONVENIENT, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHO WILL LEAD JAPANESE SIDE AND FONOFF'S

SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA FOR BOTH MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS AND AFRICAN TALKS. PLEASE ITERATE POINT MADE PARA 5 REFTEL THAT WE WANT TO HOLD PAPERWORK TO MINIMUM. KISSINGER

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